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To: lisa.freund@co.yakima.wa.us
Subject: Lower Yakima Valley GWMA
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Dear Ms. Freund – I am contacting you to verify that you are the appropriate contact for matters related the Lower Yakima Valley GWMA. On October 26, 2021, the Center for Food Safety, Friends of Toppenish Creek, and Food and Water Watch (Petitioners) submitted a Petition (attached) to the EPA Administrator and Acting Region 10 Regional Administrator to exercise the Agency’s emergency powers under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act to address groundwater nitrate contamination that presents a risk to the health of residents of the Lower Yakima Valley (LYV).

EPA requests the County’s cooperation in providing additional information related to nitrate contamination in the LYV and the actions that County is, or will be taking to protect public health. For example, EPA seeks information related to any recent testing of residential wells, the County’s estimate for the number of residential wells with nitrate concentrations exceeding the maximum contaminant level, any recent efforts to provide residents with alternative water, and the status of funding and implementing the actions that were recommended by Groundwater Advisory Committee in 2019.

I would like to set up an initial meeting with the County in January, 2022. Please let me know if you would like to designate a staff person to assist in the scheduling of the meeting.

I look forward to communicating with you more on this issue.

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